

**REMARKS**

Claim 22 has been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1-21 and 23-28 are pending. The claims have been amended to reduce multiple dependencies and eliminate improper multiple dependencies, if present.

Acknowledgement of receipt of the priority document in the Patent Office is requested in the Examiner's first Action. See, attached copy of Notice of Allowance from parent Serial No. 09/932,938, as evidence of the same.

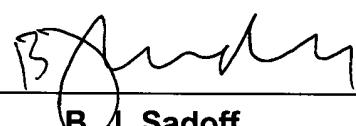
A copy of the Office Action dated January 4, 2001 from the grand-parent application Serial No. 09/284,026, which contains a restriction requirement, is attached for the Examiner's convenience. The present application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/932,938, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/284,026.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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